

SENATE RESOLUTION 9

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Humphrey on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, John Humphrey of Jefferson City is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, for the past eighteen months, John has served at Zoo Knoxville, during which time he has provided husbandry support in the Shows Department, prepared meals for zoo animal ambassadors, assisted with animal cues and props during shows, and helped the Interpretation Department educate the public about the exhibit animals; and

WHEREAS, recently named the Youth Volunteer Representative on the Zoo Knoxville Volunteer Advisory Board, which is the highest leadership role a youth volunteer can fill at the zoo, he took the initiative to design and implement an event to promote education about conservation for African Lions, and he has served in his leadership role to help improve the Zoo Knoxville Volunteer Program; and

WHEREAS, John Humphrey is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor John Humphrey for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.